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Primary School  
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## Temple Meadow Primary School

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### Important Weather Update - Storm Goretti and Possible School Closure

Dear Families,

I am sure you will already have heard about **Storm Goretti**, which is currently developing rapidly in the Atlantic.

Storm Goretti now has a very large cloud system covering much of Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Over the course of today, rain is expected to spread north and east across England and Wales, with winds strengthening, particularly in the south-west. Later this afternoon and into the evening, forecast conditions suggest that snow will begin to fall.

The Met Office has described Storm Goretti as a '*multi-hazard event*', bringing a combination of heavy rain, strong winds and snow. Forecasts indicate that between **5cm and 10cm of snow** is expected across much of Wales and the Midlands, with **15–25cm** and possibly **up to 30cm**, in some areas. The storm may also undergo rapid intensification, which can lead to particularly strong and disruptive winds.

We are monitoring the forecast very closely throughout today. **The safety of our children, families and staff is always our highest priority.** It may be necessary for the school to be **closed on Friday 9th January 2026** if the site is assessed as unsafe to open.

We are continuing to review weather updates and site conditions and aim to make a decision **later today, if possible**, once forecasts become clearer. We will inform families as soon as a decision has been made.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Van Straaten**  
Headteacher

